

NASA and Telemedicine Now and Beyond



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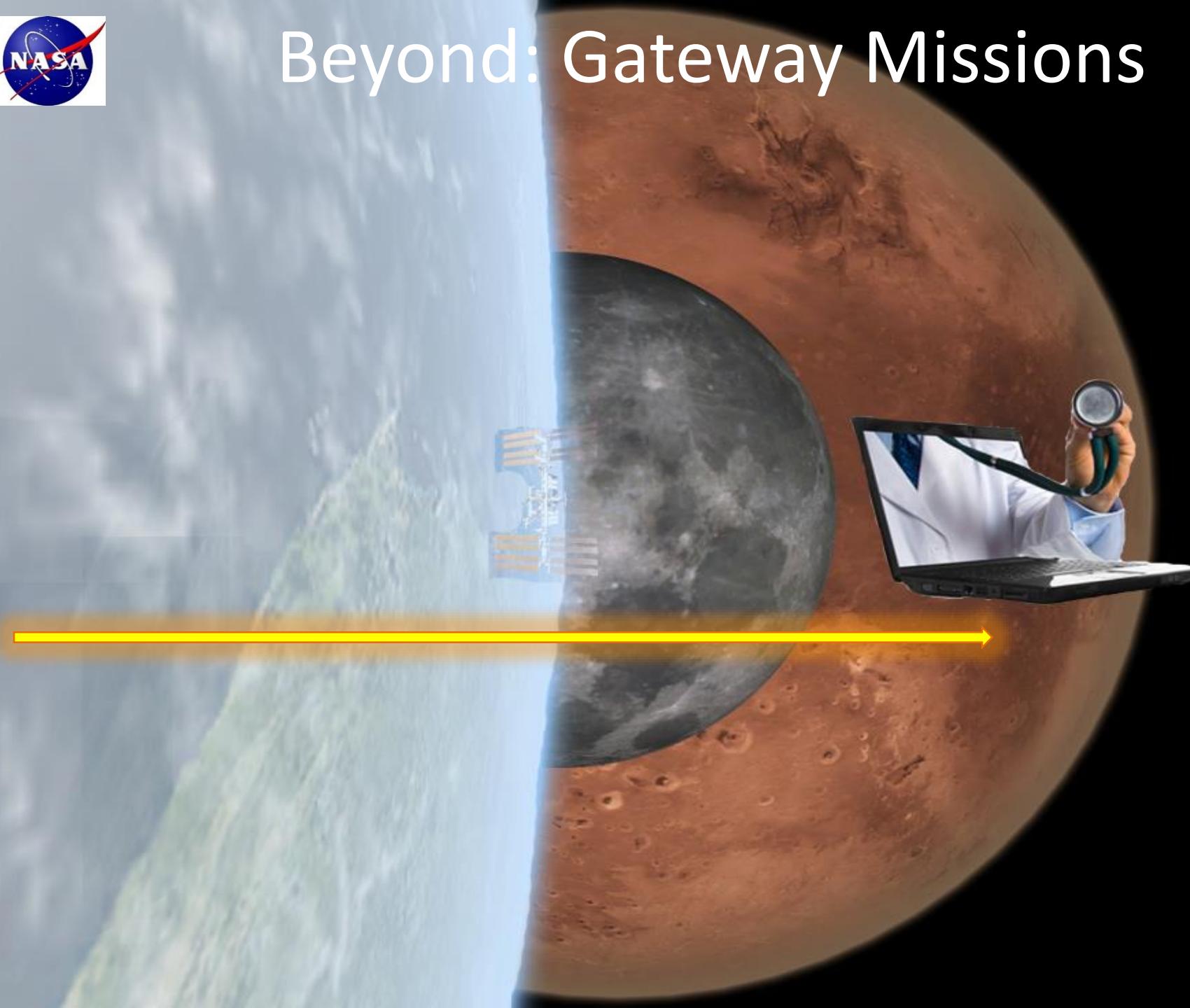


Now: ISS Operations





Beyond: Gateway Missions





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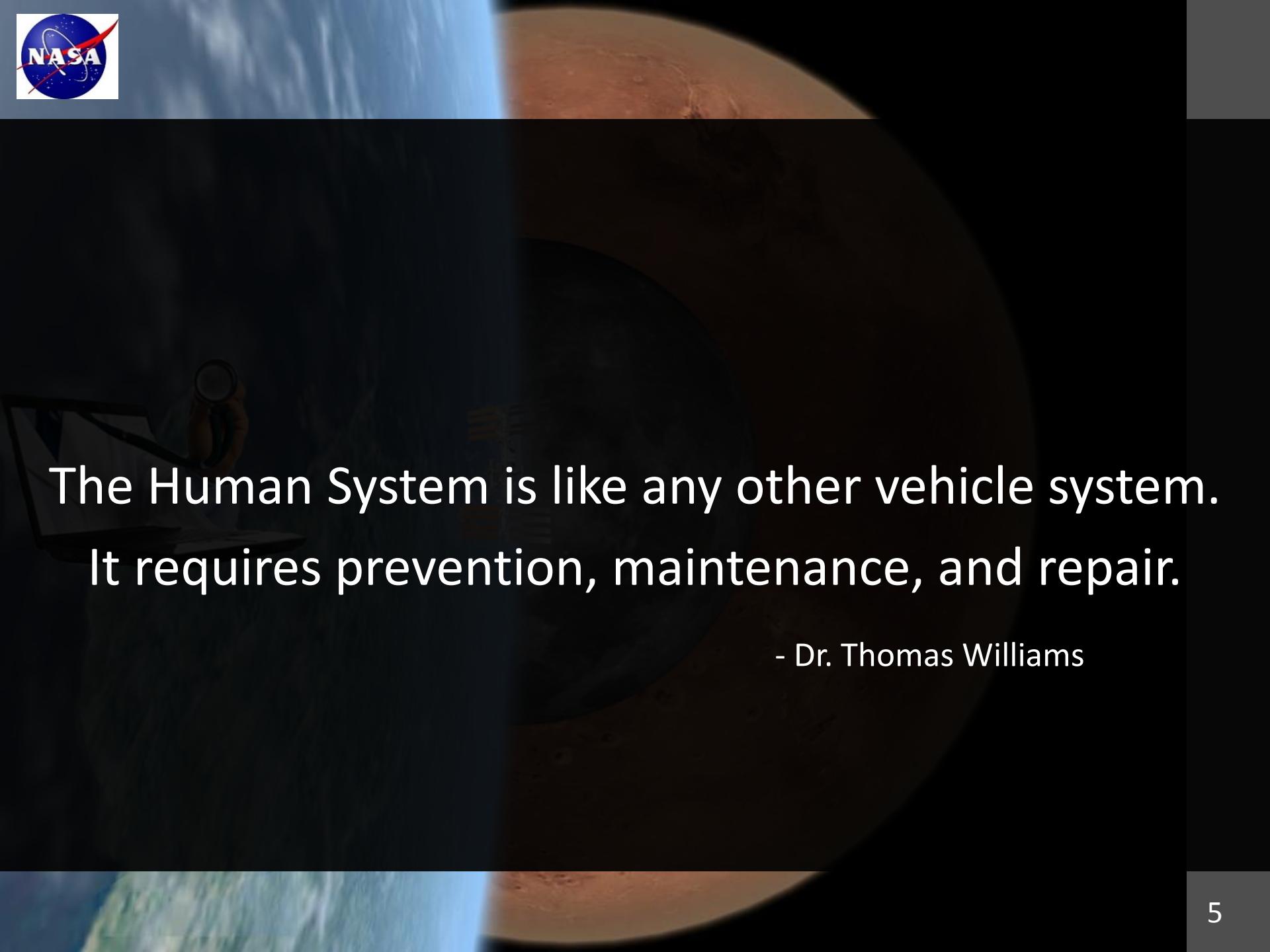
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And many others!

A dark, semi-transparent background image of a space shuttle in orbit around Earth. The shuttle is positioned in the center, with the Earth's horizon visible at the bottom. The background is a deep space with a few distant stars.

The Human System is like any other vehicle system.
It requires prevention, maintenance, and repair.

- Dr. Thomas Williams



Outline

- Types of Telemedicine
 - Live remote Guidance
 - Live Monitoring
 - Store and forward
 - Autonomous
- Training
- Current Examples
- Lessons Learned
- Exploration Applications
- Terrestrial directions

Gateway Missions: Phase 0: ISS → Phase 1: Cislunar → Phase 2: Deep Space Transport → Phases 3-4: Mars

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Application of Advances in Telemedicine for Long-Duration Space Flight

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Types of Telemedicine Care

- Live remote guidance



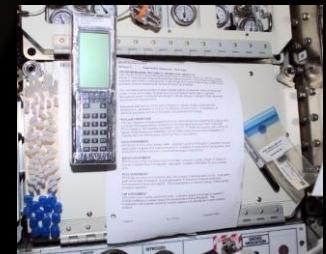
- Live monitoring



MEDB 1.3 PMC

MEDB 7.2 PPC

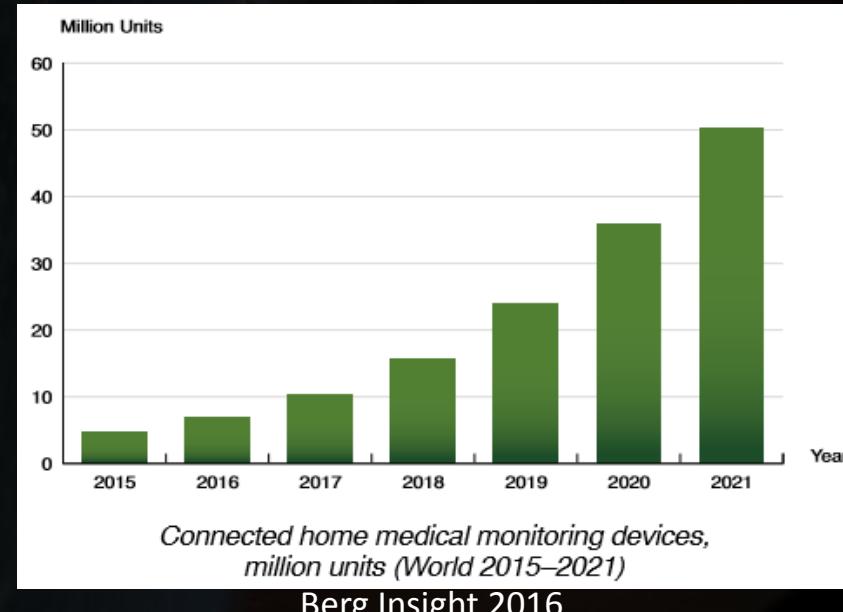
- Store and forward



- Autonomous



Telemedicine is fundamentally an information management problem





ISS Telemedicine Training

- Crew Medical Officer
 - Preflight
 - Initial (2-42 hrs): CPR, DCS, field training
 - Operators (7 hrs): Emergency
 - Specialists (26 hrs): Non-emergent
 - In-flight
 - Emergency drill (4-6 wks of arrival, 45 min)
 - Computer-based training (30 days/25 min)
- Ground Crew
 - communication coaching
 - situational awareness





Training: Lessons Learned

- Hardware ≠ capability
- Field medical training: suggested → required
- Time challenges
 - Competing priorities
 - Task mastery
- Current training not optimized
 - Training = in-flight success?
 - Not used → no validation
 - When used → no or limited validation (privacy, regulations)
 - No requirement to prove proficiency
 - Subjective instructor assessment
 - No in-flight assessment (crew or ground)



Exploration Telemedicine Training

Current ISS Ops



CMO

Training: limited
ground support

Limited compliance

Exploration



CMO

Training: maintain core medical knowledge
detailed spaceflight unique

High compliance



Prevent de-skilling

Core medical knowledge

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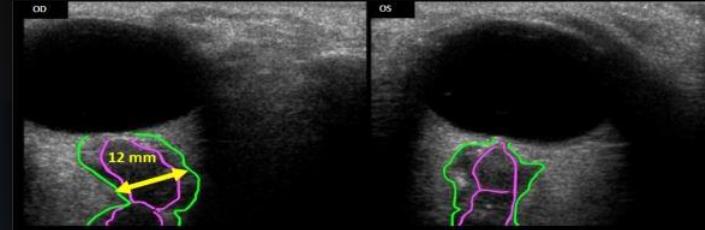
Live Remote Guidance



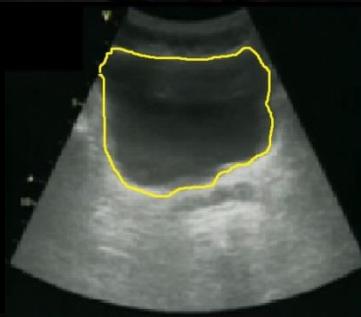


ISS Telemedicine Ultrasound

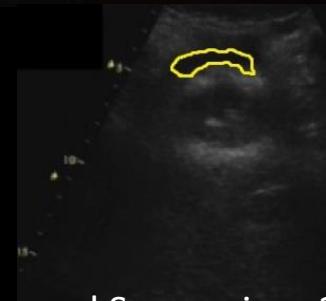
- Operations
 - Eye (SANS)
 - Spinal
 - Medical event
- Research



Life 4, p621, 2014. Nelson, E.S. et al.



In-flight Post-void
Ultrasound



Ground Post-void
Ultrasound

AsMA 86th Annual Symposium 2015. Cole, R.W. et al.

- Unique spaceflight applications
 - Atypical target (e.g. pneumothorax)
 - Potential countermeasure (e.g. bone, kidney stone)



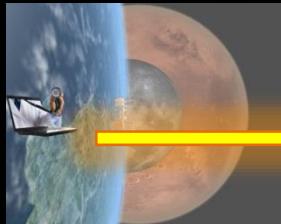
Remote Guidance: Lessons Learned

- Current use not optimized → streamline!
 - Eliminate “common sense” procedures
 - Good images easily recognizable
 - Use intrinsic guidance, image enhancement capabilities
 - Time management key skill
 - Timeliness of clinical care
 - A la carte discrete modules – organize as needed
- Integrate Research and Ops information
- Evaluate Remote Guidance practices → autonomy



Exploration Remote Guidance

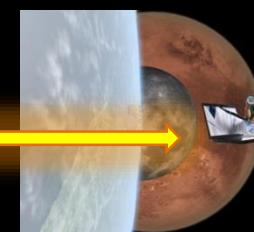
Current ISS Ops



Remote guidance: reliant on ground
Store and forward underutilized
Data downlink: uplink ↑

Instrumentation: larger footprint
more resources
crew strapped to wall

Exploration



Remote oversight → space-based expertise
↑ use store and forward

Data uplink: downlink ↑

Best approach: data → crew

Instrumentation: streamlined
portable

Innovate: clinical ? addressed

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Technology Watch: Remote Guidance

MENU **COMFORT** Baseline Date: 2/9/2017 ID: 9201 NOTES EXIT

FUNDOSCOPY OBJECTIVE FOUNDATION SETUP EXAM PROCEDURE QUIZ REFERENCE

Eye Anatomy CellScope Use Taking Images Eye Pathology

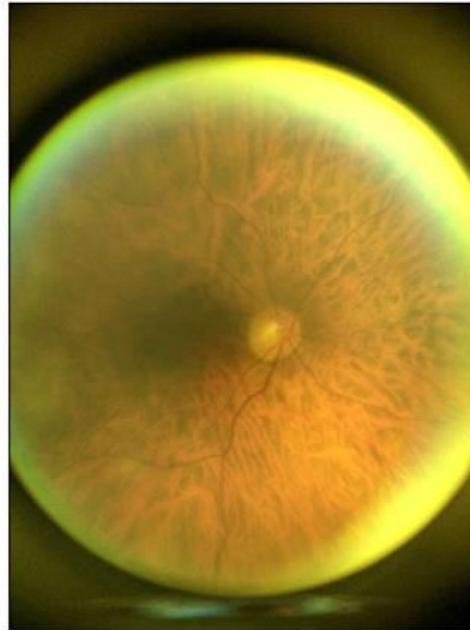
TAKING A GOOD IMAGE: COMPOSITION

Tips for good composition:

To move the optic disc down the subject needs to look up.

To move the optic disc right the subject needs to look right.

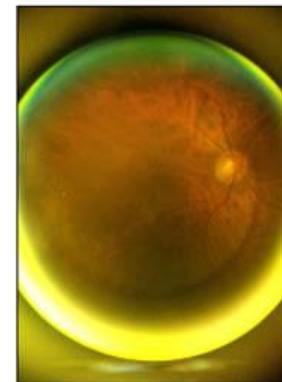
In a good composition the optic disc is centered.



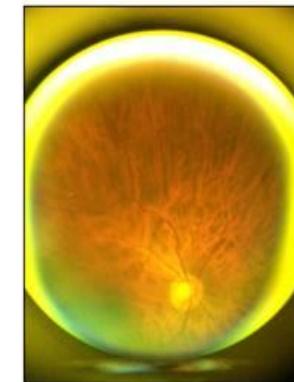
Good composition

Bad composition

In poor composition, the optic disc is not centered or not visible.



Bad composition
Optic disc is too far right



Bad composition
Optic disc is too low

Comfort - NSBRI

PREVIOUS

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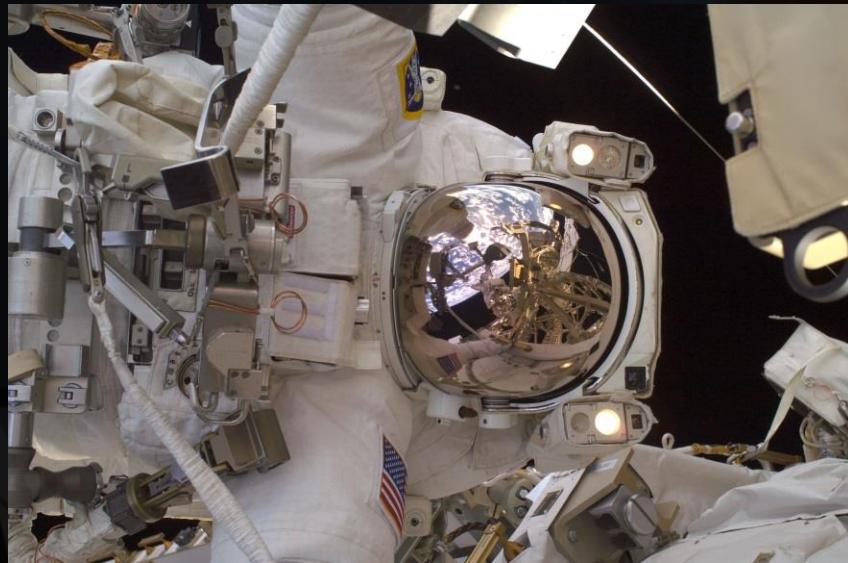
Technology Watch: Remote -> Autonomy

Augmented
Reality
Training
Tietronix





Live Monitoring

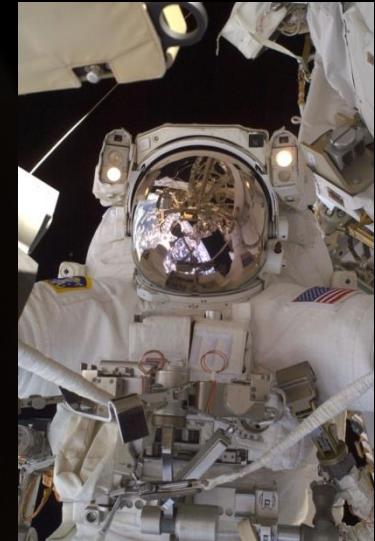


MEDB 7.2 PPC



ISS EVA Telemedicine

- Live monitoring by ground (including prebreathe)
 - Biomedical (update every 2 min)
 - 1-lead heart rate, inlet CO₂
 - MET rate: O₂ tank pressure drop
 - Consumables
- EVA crew focus is mission tasks
- Continuous ground:crew communication





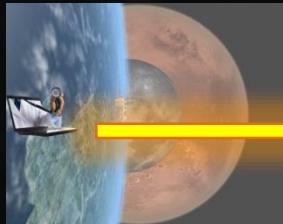
ISS EVA: Lessons Learned

- Additional EVA crew bioinformatics needed
 - Health
 - Performance (cognitive, physical)
- Suit outlet CO₂ measurement needed
- In-suit maneuverability limited
- Suit = vehicle
 - “The most at home I felt in space was in my suit.”
 - In-flight temperature changes extreme (vs training)
 - Airlock- first completely unique spaceflight experience



Exploration EVA

Current ISS Ops

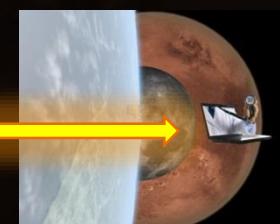


Live monitoring: reliant on ground



Mission tasks

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Live monitoring → space-based expertise



Mission tasks

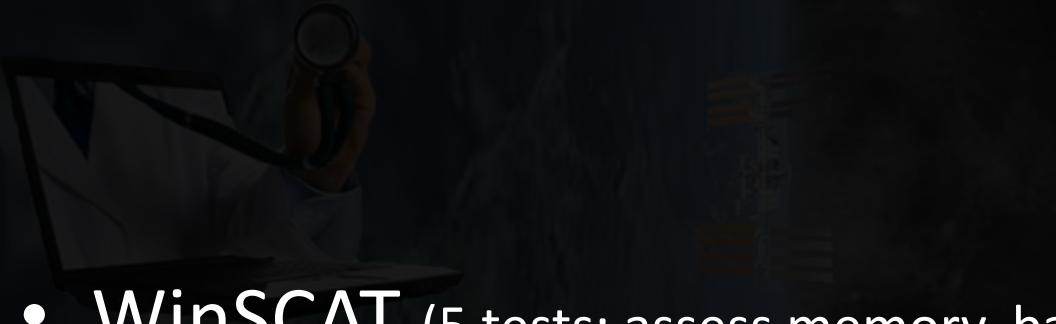
Bioadvisory information
Navigation

Consumables tracking

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ISS Behavioral Telemedicine



- WinSCAT (5 tests: assess memory, baseline in case of head injury)
- Standard measures (preflight, 3x in-flight)
 - Actigraphy
 - Cognition testing (10 tests)
 - Self-reporting





Behavioral Telemed: Lessons Learned

- Losing key information
 - Collect, analyze current data
 - Ops impact → telemedicine feedback
 - Delay information before critical tasks?
 - Behavioral training
 - Mindfulness
 - Crew → effective and empowered
- Team communication more efficient
 - Behavioral training
 - Differing philosophies from international partners
- Guidelines: “countermeasure” → standard



Terrestrial Application: Live Monitoring

Zephyr's medical grade technology was originally developed in conjunction with Special Forces and NASA and designed to measure and monitor the vital signs of individuals and teams in training or when deployed in hazardous environments



RP-7 remote presence robot, nicknamed "Rosie"

The use of remote presence for health care delivery in a northern Inuit community: a feasibility study

Ivar Mendez^{1*}, Michael Jong², Debra Keays-White³ and Gail Turner⁴

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Exploration Live Monitoring

Current ISS Ops

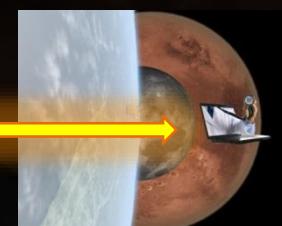


Live monitoring:
PMCs, PPCs reliant on ground



Ground-based Flight Surgeon

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Live monitoring → space-based



Crew Medical Officer? Self? Computer?

Physiological monitoring

Automated, integrated, interactive

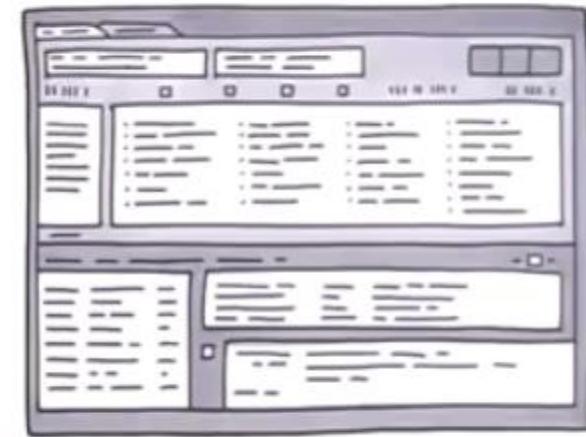
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Technology Watch: Live Monitoring



EMR



Eliminate Dual Documentation



Technology Watch: Live Monitoring



Reveal LINQ™ ICM Remote Monitoring

Wireless Transmission with MyCareLink™ Patient Monitor

Supported by the Medtronic CareLink™ Network



MyCareLink Patient Monitor is easy to use and features global cellular technology



Medtronic CareAlert™ notifications can result in earlier clinical decisions compared to non-wireless devices¹



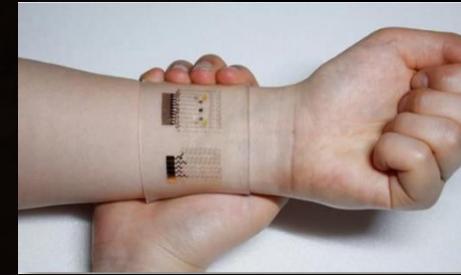
Patient compliance is easy and automatic with wireless device-to-monitor communication²

Continuous and wireless data collection and trending in the world's smallest insertable cardiac monitor.³

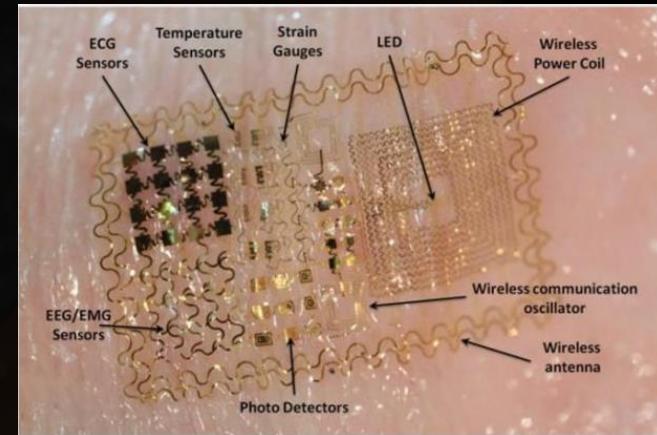


79%

of physicians said wireless CareAlert™ notifications resulted in earlier clinical decisions^{1*}



Nature Nanotechnology 11, p566, 2016.



SEEQ Mobile Cardiac Telemetry System: Medtronic



Technology Watch: Live Monitoring



PTSD VR therapy session

A Multi-Media, Computer-Based, Self-Directed, Autonomous, Stress and Anxiety-Management Countermeasure Project

NSBRI

SMART OP

Therapist Training on Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Anxiety Disorders Using Internet-Based Technologies

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Raphael D. Rose³

Cogn Ther Res (2017) 41:252–265



Store and Forward





ISS Telemedicine: Audiology



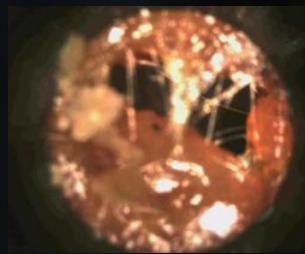
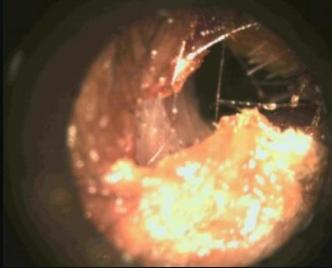
- Videotoscopy
 - Still images (nominal)
 - EVA (before, after)
- On-orbit hearing assessment (OOHA)
 - 45 days  +EarQ software
 - Match OOHA with acoustic dosimetry
- Store and forward data exchange





Audiology: Lessons Learned

- Otoacoustic emissions (OAE)
 - More objective, sensitive than audiometric test
 - Earlier alert to auditory damage
- Match OOHA with time of acoustic dosimetry (taken every 60 days)
- EarQ software reliable
- Cerumen management plan required



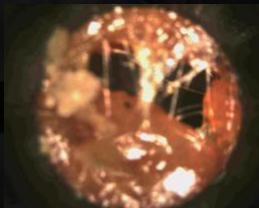


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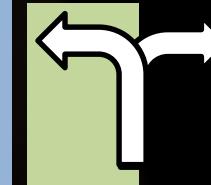
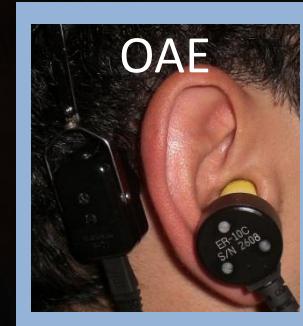
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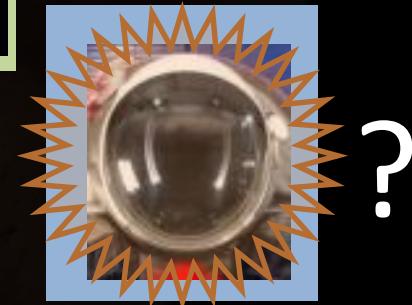
Space vehicle noisy (legacy waivers)



Exploration



New space vehicle quieter **waivers**



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ISS Telemedicine: Exercise

- Exercise application software
 - Store and forward data for feedback
 - Limited real time feedback (HR, speed)
- Regular generated report (every 2 wks)
 - In-flight exercise monitoring- ASCRs
 - Exercise data review- crew surgeon





Store and Forward: Lessons Learned

- ISS exercise program successful ≠ 100% protective

Peak Exercise Oxygen Uptake During and Following Long-Duration Spaceflight

Alan D. Moore, Jr.¹, Meghan E. Downs², Stuart M. C. Lee¹, Alan H. Feiveson³, Poul Knudsen⁴, Lori Ploutz-Snyder⁵

Articles in Press. *S. J Appl Physiol* (June 26, 2014). doi:10.1152/japplphysiol.01251.2013

Isokinetic Strength Changes Following Long-Duration Spaceflight on the ISS

Kirk L. English; Stuart M.C. Lee; James A. Loehr; Robert J. Ploutz-Snyder; Lori L. Ploutz-Snyder

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- Challenge seeing crewmember as whole



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- Multiple platforms → single extensible
 - Data portal, common interface, robust feedback
 - Common wearable/collection, device



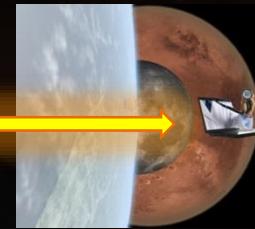
Exploration Telemedicine: Store ↔ Forward

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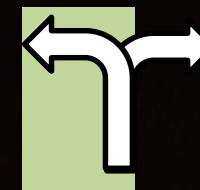


Store and Forward: ground support-based

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Store and Forward: space-based



Data

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Autonomous



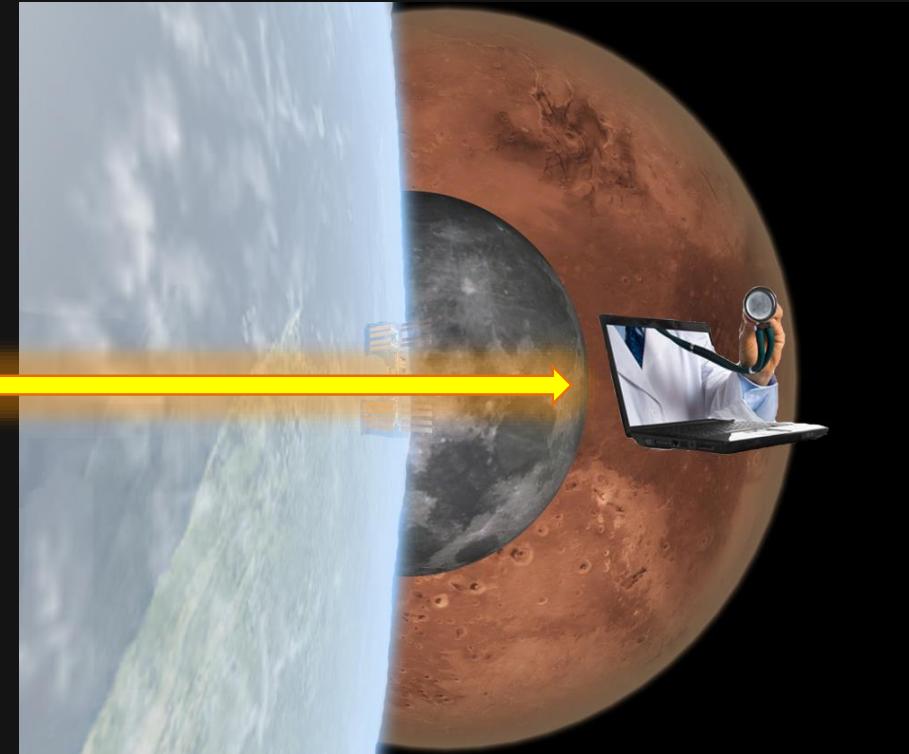
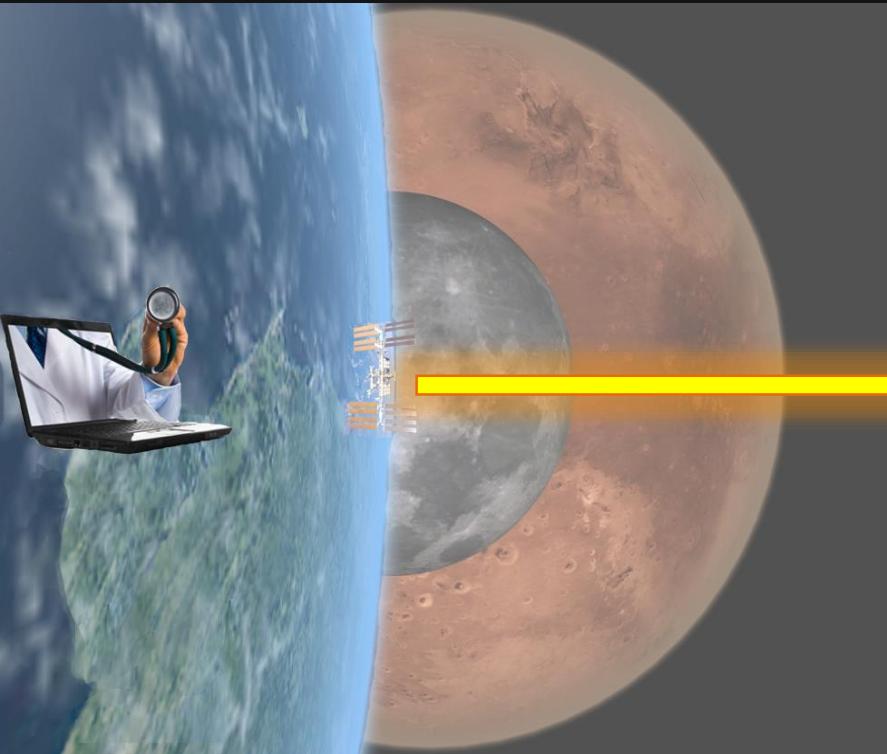


Autonomous: Antarctica

- Ops lessons learned
 - ISS training more streamlined
 - Isolated but telemedicine largely successful
- Lessons learned for Exploration
 - Need to be able to perform autonomous routine exams (including dental)
 - Exploration support
 - Telemedicine simulations (including in-flight training options) need to be refined now
 - Multipurpose supplies
- Excellent ICE analog

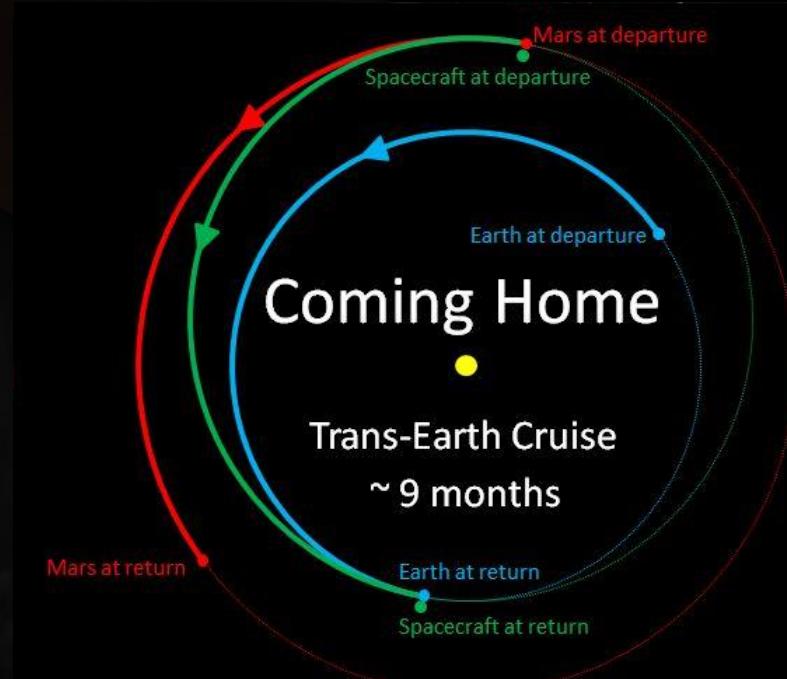
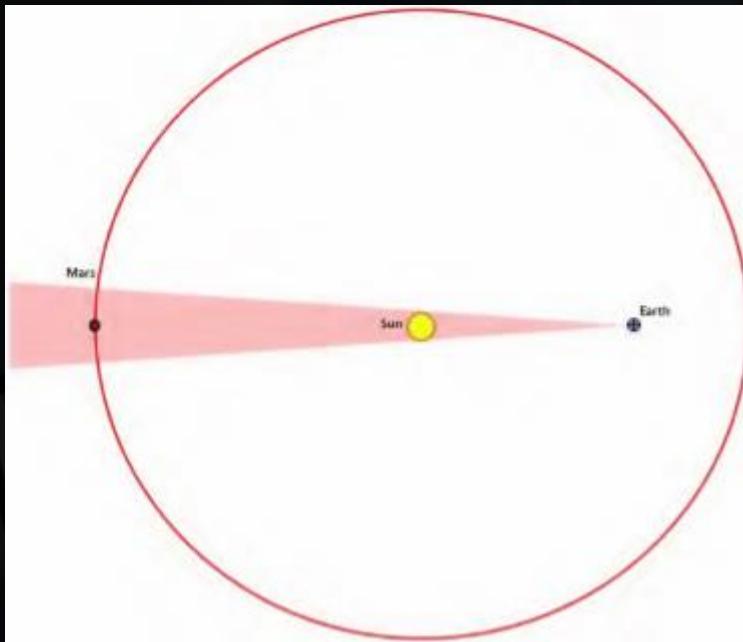


Moving Towards Mars





Moving Towards Mars



Mars Mission Concept of Operations, Aug 2016. S. Love, E. Nelson

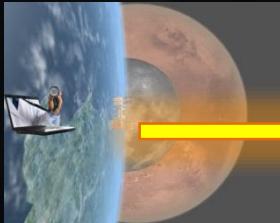
Destination	Distance (kilometers)	One-Way Time Delay (minutes)
ISS	435	~
Lunar	38,400,000	0.02
Mars (close)	545,000,000	3
Mars (opposition)	4,013,000,000	22.3

Approximate Comm Delays



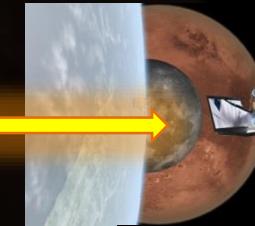
Moving Towards Mars: Telemedicine

Current ISS Ops



Reliant on ground
Limited compliance

Exploration



Space-based: tasks, monitoring
High compliance



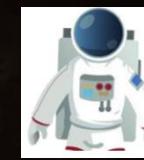
Data downlink:uplink ↑



Population-based: pharm, imm, predictive
Multiple system approach

Ethics contingencies, behavioral intervention
Equipment: larger footprint

Data uplink:downlink ↑



Crewmember tailored, integrative

Policy, procedure updates
Equipment: streamlined





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2024 Gateway

Test data handling
Optimize for 42 day
missions

2027 Deep Space

Exercise data handling
and ground operations
changes

**2029 One Year
Pathfinder**

Exercise deep space
comm, autonomy, and
decision paths
Deploy revised ground
con ops

**2033 Mars
Transit**

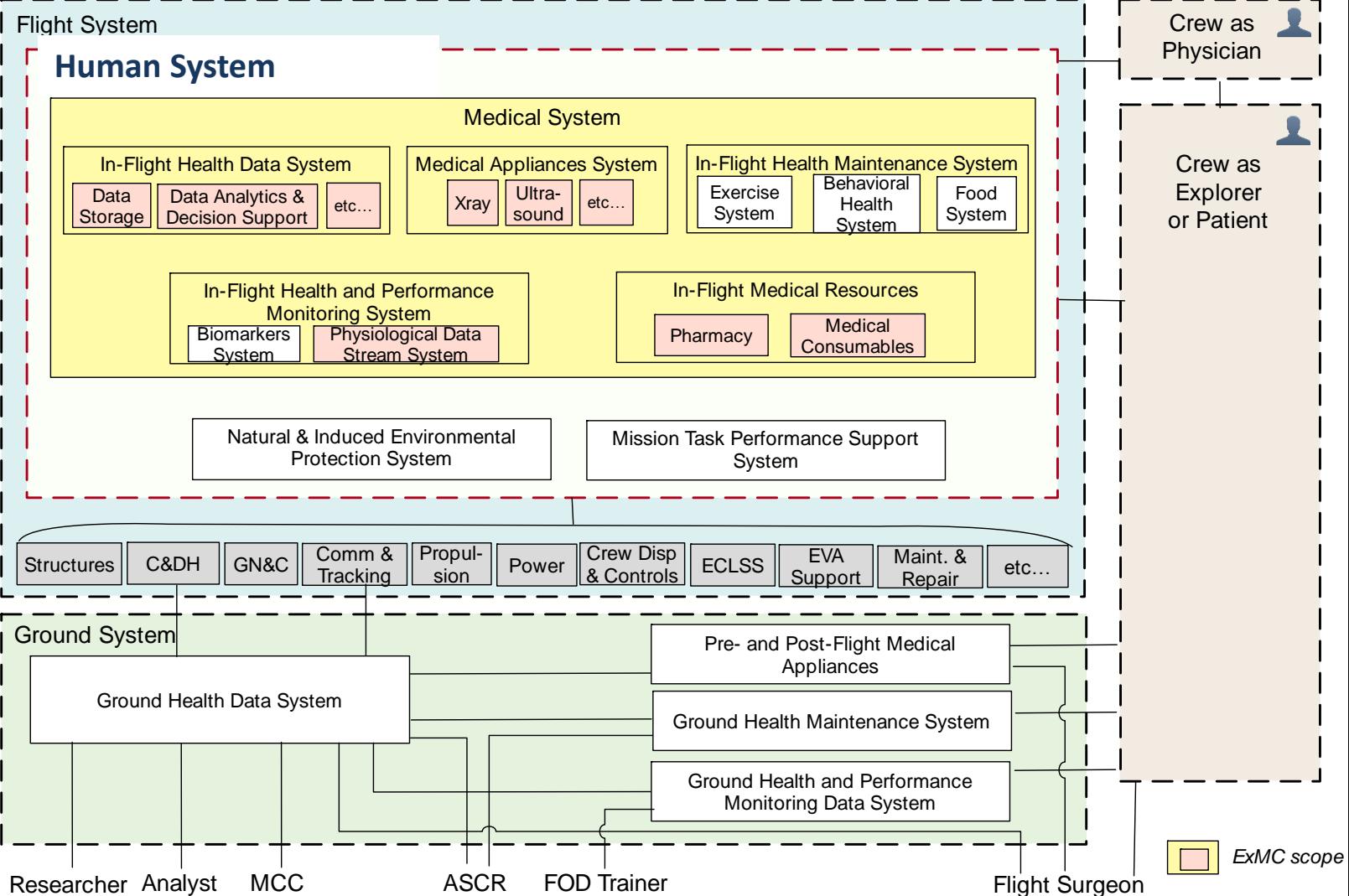
Fully autonomous
health system
Redefined ground
operations paradigm



System Integration

Work in Progress
3/16/17

Block Diagram - Medical System-Centric View

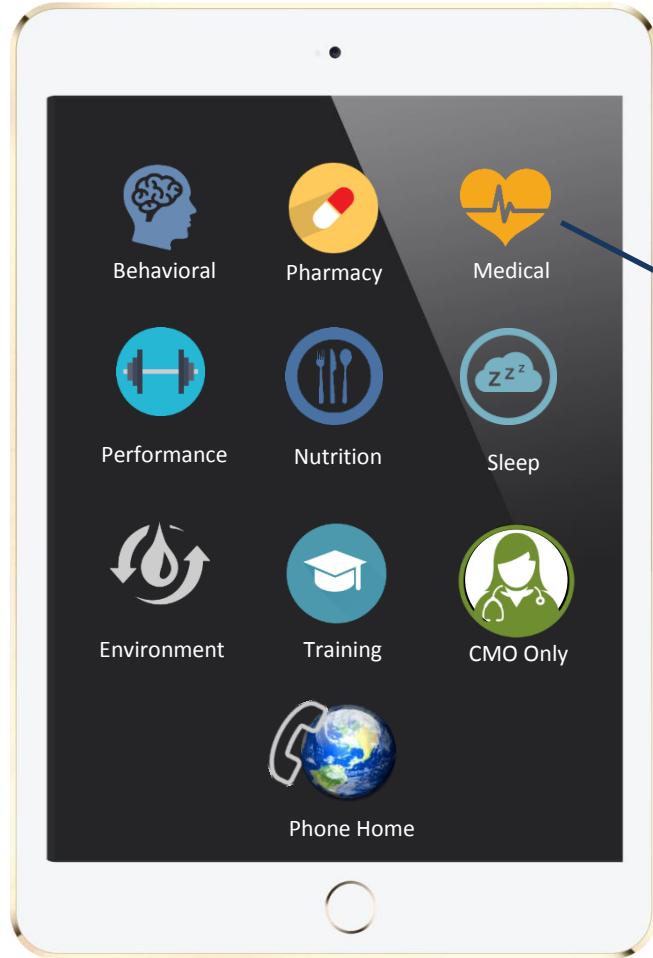


Notional



Moving Towards Mars: Telemedicine

Human System Interface



Medical



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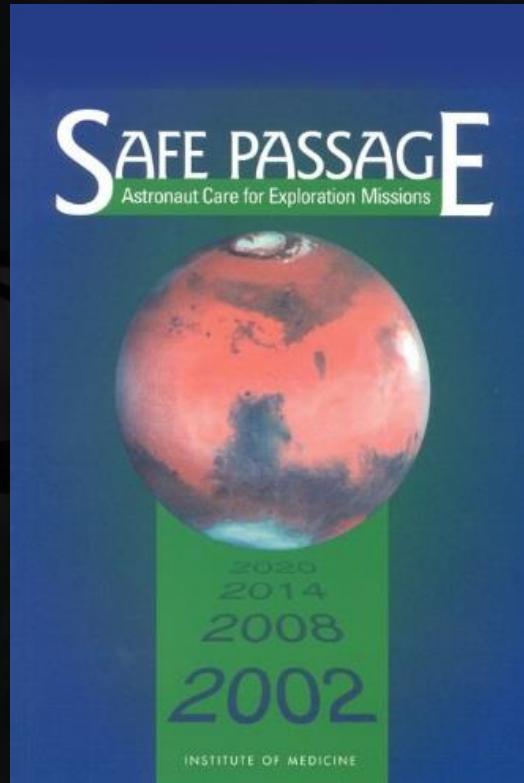
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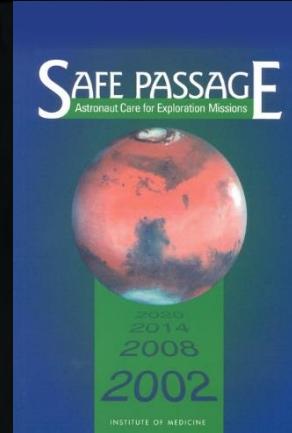


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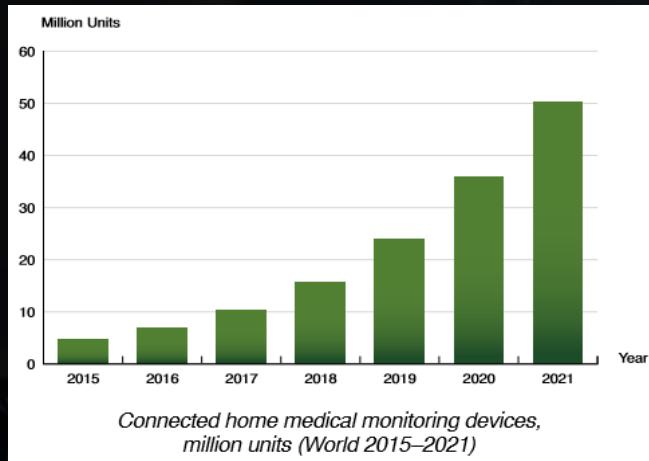
Back up slides



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Technology Watch: Remote Guidance



Augmented Reality Training
Tietronix



Robot-assisted ultrasound imaging: Overview and development of a parallel telerobotic system

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Even where the sonographer is onsite, robotic-assisted US imaging could take some of the physical burden from the sonographer...

Lessons learned from the usability assessment of home-based telemedicine systems

"Small pop-up boxes showing the functions of icons could improve the information quality of the system."

"The system has four windows. It's confusing."

"Simple and clean interface"

"I really like the tool tips when I hover over the buttons."

Applied Ergonomics 58 (2017) 424–434

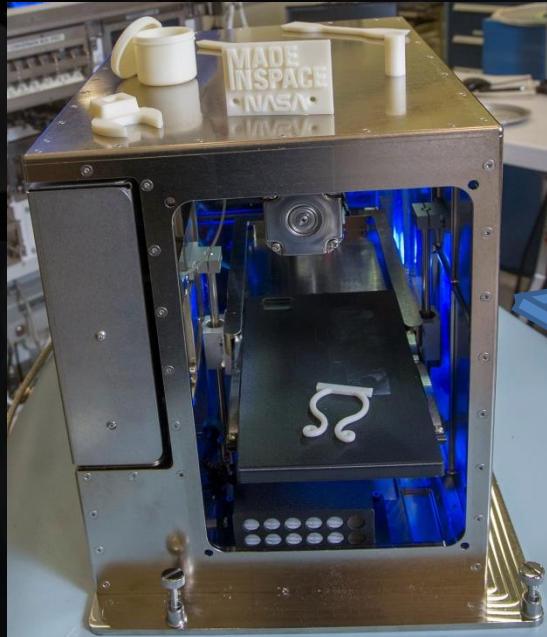
Human Factors matter!



Technology Watch: Store and Forward



Lighted Curettage



cellscope

Honeywell

